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In looking over the Catalogue of Diseases to which the human family daily under themselves death I see none upon which the fear of infirmity has not been incurred; and therefore it is with some diffidence I engage in the topics of this Dissertation; not however, with the idea of formulating any new theory with respect to the disease or condemn the practice which now exists, but merely to point out the most popular opinions entertained of the disease and the treatment which has been found most successful in retarding the progress of it.

In reflecting upon the insidious nature of this disease as well as the difficulty we find in effecting a cure, some insects I think should command the attention of the physician more than the one now under consideration. It is supposed to attack Cholera chiefly under the age of ten years. That this age is particularly liable to an attack of the disease experience and observation has confirmed; but nevertheless we find on recent cases of water being discovered in the brain after this period, which appears to prove in some measure, the disease should not be restricted to that period alone.

Hydrocephalus has been divided into external and internal. The former latter denoting a collection of water over the pia mater upon the surface of the brain, the latter

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signifying an effusion of fluid into
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 a most distressing disease. From its pecu-
 liar nature it appears it did not escape
 the observation of the ancients, and although it
 was not unknown to them, yet it seems
 they were not acquainted with the real nat-
 ure of it, although frequent occurrence
 of the disease took place. The great object,
 however, which presented itself in their path
 of improvement was dissection. The appo-
 sition which is now met with for show-
 ing these topics, points out our progress
 to a more enlightened period, compared with
 the superstitious notions entertained by them.
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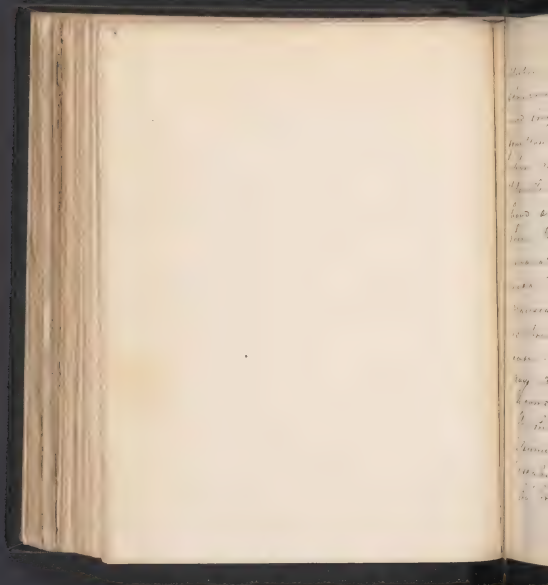
requires to throw light upon the true nature of the disease.

Cases of this disease are early recorded. Hieronymus Magninakis was probably the first to have mentioned the complaint to be seated in the ventricles, though it has been spoken of by Boerhaave, Petit and some others, yet there appears to be no very accurate account given of it until Whist commenced the subject.

Hydrocephalus sometimes makes its attack so suddenly as to deprive the patient of existence in a very short time, though it more generally comes on gradually and in such cases the patient suffers longer several weeks before life is extinguished. The real nature as well as the seat of the disease is of such difficult distinction, from its strong resemblance to an irregular Remittent

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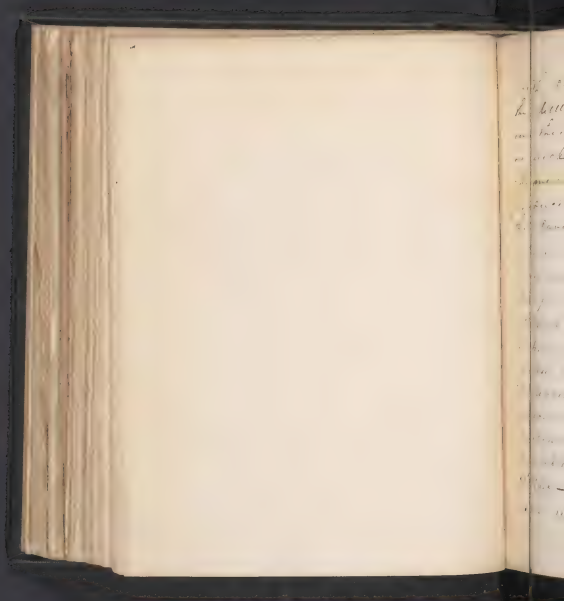
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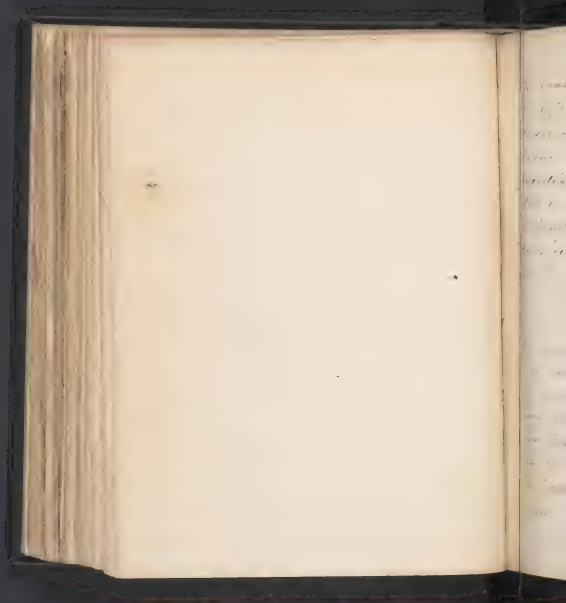
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 on their slope at the distance become
 so much it is almost impossible to
 imagine it to be from the great central
 mountain. The stream winds into
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 water is very pure and clear. The
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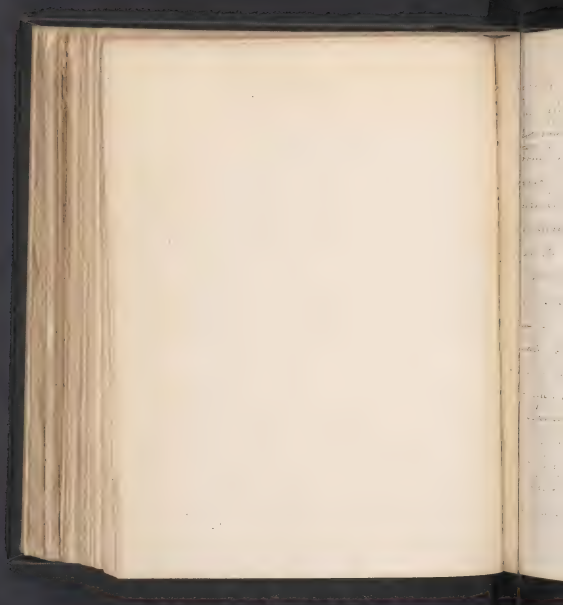




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I am the Director of the United States
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The following treatment was suggested
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From the

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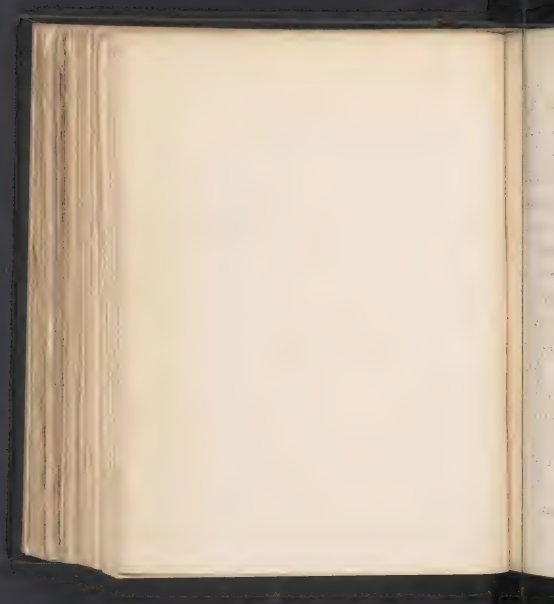
I have just received your letter of the 19th inst.

and am glad to hear that you are well.

I am writing you a few lines to let you know

that I am still in the same old place.

I am, my dear







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is favourable of it. The same however
 is one in which must be taken care to
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 the disease and some localised infection
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 system. It is not in itself not sufficient.
 The same with a view of the disease
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It is more local & ultimately we can give
it a stimulus to patients of this age
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 sedulous but still not yet
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 when the action remains it may
 be assisted by the use of warm
 baths.

Opium

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no small share of our attention. It has been employed with great advantage in this disease, particularly when there exists much pain accompanied with Considerable Spasmodic affection. It has been employed largely by Percival, avoiding the use of it, he says, when Coma exists. We may expect much from its Combination with digitalis and Calomel as proven by the experience of eminent practitioners.

Erithines

Of this class we can say but little. They are most usually employed in the White Helix and Alabastra, which by keeping up a discharge from the nose have been supposed to be of some relativity in the disease.

Caustic

This is a remedy which has been highly extolled and have been prescribed by some to bleeders. Whether any great advantage is to be derived from its employment over that of blistering I shall not take it upon myself to decide. It is no doubt, from its being such a powerful stimulant or from its possessing more permanent in its effects, of much advantage. The remedy may also be used as a prevention.

Finis

Chaplin

My dear Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the above named subject. I am sorry to hear that you are not satisfied with the result of the investigation. I have, however, no objection to your making such use of the facts as you may think proper. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
J. W. Smith

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